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Excise Officer Cites 109 Speedway Convenience Stores

INDIANAPOLIS (Jan. 29) – An Indiana State Excise Police officer cited 109 Speedway convenience stores after a month-long investigation into the unlawful sale of alcohol on Christmas Day.

The excise officer initially began her investigation Dec. 26, 2013, when she received an anonymous tip that the Speedway convenience store at 1706 South Bend Avenue in South Bend had sold beer on Christmas Day. While the officer was at that store, a clerk who worked at a different Speedway on Christmas Day asked the officer if it was illegal to sell alcoholic beverages on Christmas Day, because she had also sold alcohol at her store.

In the end, a total of 109 stores (complete list attached) were identified as having sold alcohol on Christmas Day.

Indiana law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages from 7:00 a.m. on Dec. 25 until 3:00 a.m. on Dec. 26.

Speedway's corporate office in Enon, Ohio, has cooperated throughout this investigation.

Anyone with information on unlawful alcohol or tobacco sales should contact the appropriate State Excise Police district office at: http://www.in.gov/atc/isep/2379.htm.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All respondents are to be presumed not liable until, and unless the plaintiff can prove by preponderance of the evidence the respondent's liability in an administrative hearing.